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TO USLO PEKING

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SUBJECT: INGERSOLL VISIT TO PRC

FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM INGERSOLL

1. A SEPTTEL PROVIDES ITINERARY OF MY ORIENTATION TRIP
THROUGH THE EA AREA INCLUDING PEKING.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT MIGHT BE
FEASIBLE AND USEFUL IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH YOU AND
OTHERS IN USLO. I ASSUME THAT I SHOULD MAKE A FEW
COURTESY CALLS ON PRC OFFICIALS (EA/PRCM HAS SUGGESTED
AS POSSIBILITIES VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS CHIAO KUAN-HUA
AND HAN NIEN-LUNG, LIN PING AND SOMEONE IN THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN TRADE.) SHOULD I ALSO HAVE SOME INFORMAL
CONTACT WITH A FEW AMBASSADORS FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES?
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND/OR
AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNE?

3. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD SPARE AN OFFICER
TO ACCOMPANY ME TO CANTON.

4. PASSPORT DATA WILL BE SENT ASAP. DATA IN SEPTTEL NOT
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RELEVANT FOR YOUR POST. WITH RESPECT TO NOTIFYING THE

PRC, WE BELIEVE THAT USLO SHOULD INFORM MFA AND REQUEST IT TO AUTHORIZE PRCLO TO ISSUE THE VISA. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORMALLY NOTIFY PRCLO ABOUT THE SAME TIME, AND WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW WHEN USLO WILL BE APPROACHING MFA.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING RESERVATIONS FOR PEKING-CANTON FLIGHT JANUARY 21, CANTON HOTEL, AND MORNING TRAIN TO HONG KONG JANUARY 22. RUSH

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